Christ Church la Manche at Avranches

Holy Eucharist

Sunday 20^h July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity



The Entry of the Ministers

Come Sinners, to the gospel Feast, Let ev'ry Soul be Jesus' Guest; Ye need not one be left behind, For God hath bid all Mankind.

Come then ye Souls by Sin opprest, Ye weary wanderers after Rest: Ye Poor and Maimed, Halt and Blind, In Christ a hearty Welcome find.

See him set forth before your Eyes, Behold the bleeding Sacrifice; His offer'd Love let all embrace, And freely now be sav'd by Grace.

Ye who believe his Record true, Shall sup with him and he with you: Come to the Feast, be sav'd from Sin, For Jesus waits. to take you in.

This is the Time, no more Delay, This is the glorious gospel Day; Come in this Moment at his Call, And live to him, who died for all.

(Charles Wesley)



Readings: God's Word in scripture

Genesis 18, vv1-10a - Abraham welcomes God to his home!

Psalm 15 T – Ellers ('Saviour again, to thy dear name')

Who, Lord, may dwell within Your holy place, And live upon Your holy, righteous hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what's right, And speak the truth from their heart ever still.

Who never slander with an evil tongue, Nor do their neighbour any wrongful deed; Who cast no slur on either friend or foe, 4 Rejecting those who walk by sinful creed. The righteous honour those who fear the Lord; They keep their oath, despite the hurt or pain. No wicked bribe they take for a reward. Money is lent without dishonest gain.

Who, Lord, may dwell within Your holy place? Who live upon Your holy, righteous hill? Those who walk in this path and do these things, Will not be moved or shaken from Your will

Colossians 1, vv15-28 - Christ is Lord over the powers that rule our world

Gospel greeting:

T – Alleluia give thanks

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His Word.

Christ is the image of our God: peace is now ours through his sav-ing death.

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Before the Gospel:The Lord be with you.Alland also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (10 vv38-42)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus dines at the home of Martha and Mary

After the reading:This is the Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon - Creed - Intercessions

Preparing of the gifts T – St Denio ('Immortal, invisible')

How firm a foundation, you people of God, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say to you than he has said to everyone trusting in Jesus our head?

Since Jesus is with you, do not be afraid; since he is your Lord, you need not be dismayed: he strengthens you, guards you,

and helps you to stand, upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters he calls you to go, the rivers of trouble shall not overflow; the Lord will be with you, to help and to bless, and work for your good through your deepest distress.

T– Herongate

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lead, his grace shall sustain you with all that you need; the flames shall not hurt you his only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Whoever has come to believe in his name will not be deserted, and not put to shame; though hell may endeavour that Christian to shake his Lord will not leave him, nor ever forsake.

(George Keith, 1787)

At the Sending Out T – Marching

Father, hear the prayer we offer not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be; but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay; but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

2nd reading: study in place of sermon

1:15 (Christ) is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, 16 for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. 17 Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
18 As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;
19 because God wanted all perfection to be found in him 20 and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

21 Not long ago, you were foreigners and enemies, in the way that you used to think and the evil things that you did; 22 but now he has reconciled you, by his death and in that mortal body. Now you are able to appear before him holy, pure and blameless – 23 as long as you persevere and stand firm on the solid base of the faith, never letting yourselves drift away from the hope promised by the Good News, which you have heard, which has been preached to the whole human race, and of which I, Paul, have become the servant.

24 It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church.

25 I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, 26 the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints.

27 It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory:28 this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

(Jerusalem Bible version)